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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/855,200	05/14/2001	Cindy L. Price	659-787

CONFIRMATION NO. 8178

FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 07/12/2001

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

01 FC:101 710.00 OP  
02 FC:103 216.00 OP  
03 FC:153 130.00 OP

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

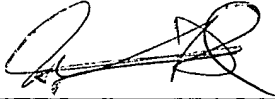
- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$216.  
    ■ \$216 for 12 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1056.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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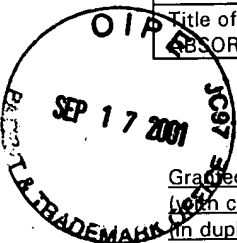
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Section 12

TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 659-787
Serial No. 09/855,200	Filing Date May 14, 2001	Examiner Unassigned	Group Art Unit 1733
Inventor(s) Price et al.			
Title of Invention ABSORBENT GARMENT HAVING A BODY CONFORMING ABSORBENT COMPOSITE			



TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Check for \$1056.00; Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date  
Granted (in duplicate); copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application; Declaration; Power of Attorney  
(with copy of Assignment); Submission of Formal Drawings; 14 sheets of formal drawings; Information Disclosure Statement  
(in duplicate); Form PTO 1449; copies of 31 cited references; and return receipt postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity		or	Other Than Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee		Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$9 =			x \$18 =	
Indep.		Minus			x 40 =			x \$80 =	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+ \$135 =			+ \$270 =	
					Total add'l fee	\$		Total add'l fee	\$

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1056.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

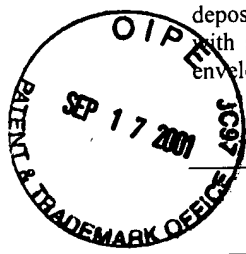
Respectfully submitted,

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Registration No. 38,629  
Attorney for Applicant

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Date of Signature

Case No. 659-787

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Price et al.

Serial No.: 09/855,200

Filed: May 14, 2001

For: ABSORBENT GARMENT  
HAVING A BODY  
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Attention: Manager,  
Application Branch

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION  
FILING DATE GRANTED**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Attn.: Box Missing Parts

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted dated July 12, 2001, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

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Client No. 659-787

- ☒ Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.
- ☒ Applicant is:
  - ☐ a small entity, verified statement is:
    - ☐ attached
    - ☐ already filed
  - ☒ other than small entity
- ☒ Checks totaling \$1056.00 for:
  - ☒ Filing Fee of \$710.00.
  - ☒ Surcharge of \$130.00.
  - ☒ Additional Claim Fees of \$216.00.
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).
- ☒ Submission of Formal Drawings.
- ☒ Fourteen (14) sheets of formal drawings.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate).
- ☒ Form PTO 1449.
- ☒ Copies of 31 cited references.
- ☒ Return receipt postcard.

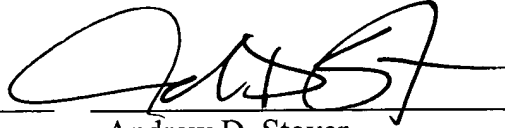
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 12, 2001

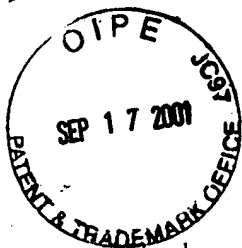


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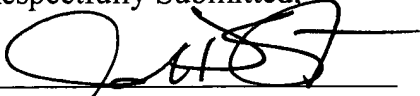
Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application,  
Applicants submit herewith fourteen (14) sheets of formal drawings. The drawings have

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been formalized to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R 1.84. Any questions about this communication should be directed to the undersigned attorney.

Dated: September 12, 2001

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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